

Penllyn Community Council

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Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Penllyn Community Council held remotely at
7.00 p.m. on Monday 1st March 2021

Present: Councillors S.C.Howells (Ystradowen) Chair., M. Bancroft (Llansannor), J. N. Evans (Ystradowen), D. Fardo (Penllyn), A. Jarvis (Ystradowen), E.P. Jarvis (Llansannor), P. Summers (Penllyn), L. Tiessen (Penllyn).

Also present: Mr A.D. Williams , Clerk and RFO; Members of the public, Drs. David Rees and Emma Cogbill; Mr M. Clogg, Operational Manager, Engineering, Vale Council.

Council held a minute of silence in memory of Mrs Kate Summers, a former member of the Council, who had died over the last Christmas period.

35) Apologies for absence.

Cllrs. R. Austin, M.R. Lewis and M. Smith; Vale of Glamorgan Councillors G.A.Cox, T.H.Jarvie, and A. Parker.

36) Declarations of Interest.

None

37) Matters arising from the minutes other than that appearing below

None

38) Community Police Matters.

No Police presence, written report from PC Elson in respect of December 2020 occurrences as below:

Theft of sheep hurdles, swinging gate, gate hooks
Online grooming of underage female
Covid breach by farm workers

39) Vale of Glamorgan Council matters.

(A) Highways matters:

(a) Schedule of outstanding and ongoing highways issues

Mr M. Clogg, Operational Manager, Engineering, Vale Council, in attendance.

Members had previously raised concerns regarding the lack of progress from the Vale Council in remedying previously reported and continuing flooding, in particular that at **(i) Trerhyngyll, (ii) Llansannor, (iii) Graig Penllyn, (iv) north of Tudor Garage, Ystradowen, also (v) Badgers Brook access road off the A4222** severe surface rutting. Also the ongoing impasse in respect of the **Edenbrook attenuation ponds** and drains adoption. (Minute No. 27 (A) (a) February 2021 refers), also possible road subsidence at the **Rhiw, Graig Penllyn**.

The response of Mr Clogg in respect of each of the above is as set out below:

(i) Trerhyngyll flooding, highways surface / markings (Cllr Bancroft) – Mr Clogg said he was unaware of this, although highway surface / markings had been referred to him 3rd January 2021 together with 18 no. photographs, and jetting to relieve / prevent flooding had been referred to him 16th February 2021.

Mr Clogg's response to the Clerk subsequent to the meeting was that :

"Having reviewed the numerous photos provided, I would advise that the vast majority whilst showing minor defects in highway would not meet the Council's current safety intervention levels of 40mm depth in carriageway to warrant remedial works at this time. I have also attached links below to most recent reports explaining the basis of the Council's Highway Resurfacing 3 Year Plan and prioritisation scoring system. Regrettably, decisions on resurfacing are not based on historic reasons such as the last time the road was resurfaced.

https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/Documents/_Committee%20Reports/Scrutiny%20Information/Corona-Virus-EP-Updates/Tranche-6-4-to-17-June-2020/75-Highway-Resurfacing-3-Year-Plan.pdf

https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/our_council/Council-Structure/minutes_agendas_and_reports/reports/cabinet/2018/18-07-02/Highway-Resurfacing-Three-Year-Plan.aspx

I can confirm that the Council has robust measures to maintain its local highway network in a safe condition as far as reasonably practicable in accordance with its statutory function under Section 41 of the Highways Act and this includes regular scheduled inspections of all roads at specific intervals depending on classification and usage. During these inspections any defects found meeting safety intervention levels of 40mm are marked for repair. We also carry out ad hoc inspections where defects are reported via our website in between scheduled inspections.

We maintain a term contract for all highway repairs with an experienced contractor and this requires specific industry standard reinstatement methods to be used in any repair works to ensure that any repair is suitable robust. I note that a couple of the photos may contain defects which do meet intervention levels and, as such, will arrange for an ad hoc inspection of the road through the Village of Trerhyngyll so that these can be reviewed and as necessary marked for repair.

Finally, I will also discuss with my Highways Maintenance Manager arrangements to meet with Cllr Bancroft as requested at a suitable time in the future, albeit I would advise that any assessment of the Village road for the Council's Highway Resurfacing 3 Year Plan will be carried out independently of any meeting and strictly based on abovementioned assessment prioritisation scoring system protocols."

The meeting with the Vale's Highways Maintenance Manager would also include flooding issues emanating from the drain in Falld Lane, through the Well Green, and onward through the village.

(ii) Llansannor flooding, map showing locations, also pictures at each site, all provided (Cllr Summers) –

(a) Between Church Farm and Court Farm on Llansannor road severe repeated, flooding at bend/junction – The dangerous and disruptive flooding of this road has been reported as a serious concern to residents for several years, most recently 3rd. October 2020, without permanent remedy. In addition to the flooding itself this creates a significant traffic hazard at this junction due to ice and the frequent deep pot holes resulting from the prolonged amount of time the road is under water. It appears that the soakaway which has in past years successfully removed this water has now deteriorated to the point where it requires rebuilding/replacement. (Most recent email to Vale highways dated 31st January 2021)

Mr Clogg's response was that notwithstanding the gully connected to a soak-away some 15 metres distant had been found to be operational back in October 2020, he would arrange for it to be checked out again and come back to us as soon as he is able.

(b) Severe repeated, flooding on Newton Road approaching A4222 (Maendy road) near bridge over former railway line -The dangerous and disruptive flooding of this road has also been reported as a serious concern by residents for several years. In addition to the flooding itself this creates a significant traffic hazard on the road due to ice and the frequent deep pot holes resulting from the prolonged amount of time the road is under water. Provision and better management of the drainage cuts from the road is necessary.

Mr Clogg's response was that works currently underway by hand digging to improve situation, will return to site in summer when ground conditions allow the use of machinery.

(c) Severe repeated, flooding on road between Llansannor and Trebettyn - The disruptive flooding of this road has also been reported as a serious concern to residents for several years. Better management of the drainage cuts from the road and drainage ditch is necessary.

Mr Clogg's response was that he will arrange further investigation.

(d) Repeated flooding on road between Penllyn and Llanharry road adjacent to Hillside Farm The disruptive flooding of this road has also been reported as a serious concern by residents over several years without resolution.

Mr Clogg's response was that he will arrange for the soak- away to be investigated again.

(e) Lost /buried gully opposite entrance to The Old Mill, Llansannor/City road allowing water build up across road - Previously reported 'lost ' gully requires single remedially action to locate and dig out.

Mr Clogg's response was that he will investigate the matter.

(iii) Graig Penllyn flooding (Cllr Tiessen) –

Concern here is the flooding at the entrance to Graig Penllyn.

Surface and foul water had recently come very close to entering domestic properties only prevented by occupants summoning the Fire Service and engaging private contractors on a number of occasions before and after last Christmas to dislodge debris and unblock pipes.

The drainage system currently in place appears not fit for purpose and exacerbated through lack of maintenance. The clerk advised that he had written to the Vale highways 12 January 2021 but was awaiting a response.

All present were shown a video of the flooding which had occurred over the period of heavy rainfall in December 2020.

Chair then suspended the meeting to hear representations from Drs. David Rees and Emma Cogbill residents directly affected by the flooding, after which the meeting reconvened.

Mr Clogg's response was that his drainage team would inspect the possibly damaged pipe underneath the road near the water pumping station and inspect the dead ended ditch to see if any other solution for the flow of water could be found.

(iv) North of Tudor Garage flooding on A4222 towards Talygarn (Cllr J.N. Evans)-

Flooding regularly occurs at two sites both of which have been reported to Vale highways over the last few years, most recently on 25 January 2021. First location is approx. 250 meters north of garage, second site is approx. 750 metres north of the garage, S bend near the Hanson quarry.

Flooding to a depth of c 200mm always occurs after heavy rain and extends across both sides of the highway, represents a serious hazard to traffic, forcing vehicles to move to the opposite direction carriageway, also the hazard of icing in the winter months.

Mr Clogg's response was that in respect of both sites he would investigate the issues were a view to preventing future flooding.

(v) Badgers Brook access road from A4222 surface rutting (Cllr J.N.Evans)-

Severe rutting previously reported to Vale highways no action forthcoming.

Mr Clogg's response was that he would arrange for the location to be inspected.

(B) Other Vale Council matters:

(i) Edenbrook Development, attenuation ponds (Cllr Evans) (Minute Nos. 251 (B) (ii) December 2020, 7 (B) (ii) January 2021 refer) -

Cllr Evans referred again to the most recent communication from the Vale Council dated 11th November 2020 advising that Bellways' is now in negotiation with individual owners, nothing further heard since, despite a reminder having being sent by the Clerk on 31st January 2021.

Mr Clogg's response was that he would chase up the matter.

(ii) Possible road subsidence at the Rhiw –

The Council had received complains regarding the effect of heavy traffic associated with housing developments and resulting deterioration in the highway.

Mr Clogg's response was that his highways team had inspected the road and boundary 26th January 2021 and spoken to the resident and advised:

(a) The hedgerow was observed to be well established and leaning over towards the sun likely due to the overgrown canopy of the trees from the private land on the opposite.

(b) The surface water flow along this area of highway has no edge restraint likely contributing to the edge of carriageway deterioration. Sand bags will be installed to channel surface water and the area monitored.

(c) The Council will contact landowner opposite to cut back trees overhanging highway.

(d) The black and white marker posts in verge adjoining the hedgerow were installed circa 2005 and these were vertical and not leaning suggesting no significant movement of the highway.

The conclusion is therefore that there is no evidence of movement of the highway verge, albeit we have agreed certain actions to assist with concerns over surface water and overhanging trees.

Resolved: That Mr Clogg be thanked for his attendance.

40) Chair / Member's reports and communication.

None

41) Delegates reports

None

42) Matters relating to land holdings

(A) Well Green, Trerhyngyll (Minute No. 30 (i) February 2021 refers) - Children's play area.

Report of the Working Party site meeting 11th February 2021.

Those in attendance were the Chair, Cllr M. Bancroft, Neil Pigdon (NP) and Andrew (Sunshine), W. Hughes (WH) (Vale playgrounds), apologies from Cllrs J.N. Evans and P. Summers.

(i) Meeting with Sunshine Playgrounds to finalise detailed aspects of the equipment, site surfacing and works programme.

Matters agreed were as follows:

(a) Locations for each the four units - Multi-unit to replace the slide, swings to be moved one metre to the south, Spinner bowl and Weehopper roundabout seesaw to be placed in the area between the new unit and swings.

(b) Surfacing – That now proposed is not the same as was anticipated and is more like a plastic grass carpet, samples were provided.

Chair and Cllr Bancroft went on to visit two sites that had the proposed surface installed vis Llanmaes (green and poorly maintained) and Llantwit Major, Heritage Park (blue and brand new).

Wyndham Hughes was of the view that the surfacing as now proposed was suitable for the environment. As it would be laid over the existing surface.

The Chair and Cllr M. Bancroft were of the view that the bright blue surfacing did not really suit the area and that it should be green surfacing only. There is a choice between long and short versions.

(c) Swings – Neil Pigdon confirmed one basket and one flat seat with the third as a 'me and you' swing.

(d) Procurement - Neil Pigdon confirmed that the items have all been ordered and was confident that completion will take place by the 31.3.21.

(e) Commencement on site – Neil Pigdon anticipating preparing the ground either next week (18.02.21) or the following week (25.01.21) (as next week is half-term).

(f) Other items on site – Advised only items to be retained were the signs.

(g) Water supplies to works – Cllr Bancroft offered his house as a source for water should it be needed.

(h) Site supervision – Sunshine advised Cllr Bancroft on call as Council's initial contact and for any assistance if needed.

(i) Goal posts - Agreed to meet at a later date with Sunshine to decide on exact location.

(ii) Replacement of the access gate – Chair and Cllr Bancroft visited Forest Products to view softwood gates. Cllr Bancroft in process of obtaining three

quotations. Further site meeting to make final decision.

Chair wished to record her thanks to Wyndham Hughes for his attendance and ongoing advice which is very much appreciated.

(B) Council notice boards (Minute No. 30 (iii) February 2021 refers)

Chair requested Members to report back to the Clerk on the condition of the particular notice board to which they posted notices etc. The Chair indicated she would look at that at Penylan, the other notice boards being in Ystradowen, Trerhyngyll, Llansannor / City, and Graig Penllyn / Penllyn.

Ystradowen - Cllr A. Jarvis reported that the board appears structurally sound but is in need of some TLC. The hinge on the RHS is attached to a piece of plastic that has come away from the back of the board and needs to be reattached. It also needs to be sanded down and re-painted/varnished as the weather has taken its toll on it over the years. A bit of oil on the catches wouldn't go amiss either.

Penlan - Chair reported that she had inspected the board. In need of some TLC, as covered in ivy and snails, the corkboard is old and damp, also unable to open the locked side for the PCC, new keys required. So, all in all a sorry sight.

Ystradowen – Cllr J. N. Evans offered to carry out refurbishment as necessary.

Trerhyngyll – Cllr Bancroft offered to carry out refurbishment as necessary.

Resolved: Defer further discussion to next meeting.

43) Planning matters

There were no Planning Applications for consideration.

44) Finance – Payment of accounts etc

Payments as follows were approved:

Chq No.	Payee	Details	Amount £.p
609	Mr AD Williams	March 2021 Salary	271.42
610	Cardiff County Council	Pension contributions Jan to Mch 2021	87.20
611	HMRC	PAYE Jan to Mch 2021	203.40
612	One Voice Wales	Training courses	60.00
613	Sunshine Playgrounds	Quote £25534 (Grant £22443 + £1100 + £1991 from reserves + VAT 5106.80)	30640.80
614	Mr AD Williams	Expenses October 20 to March 21	361.99
615	Graig & Penllyn Residents Assoc	Replacement for cheque No. 558 March 2020 £750 Grant defibrillator	

45) Clerks' correspondence

None

Date of next meeting

Next meeting: 12th April 2021, 7 pm.

Signed:

Chair

Date:
